

The decision by Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc to coerce their affiliates to air the Senator John Kerry smear movie "Stolen Honor" is both a clear violation of federal election law (direct electioneering by a corporate media giant since it reaches about 24% of all U.S. households) and a violation of its charter to serve the public interest. This is a good example of how large corporate entities flex their muscle for political or personal gain to the detriment of their audiences/markets, stockholders and advertisers.

The FCC should seriously consider this media giant losing its privilege to use the airwaves free of charge if they pursue this biased attempt to derail the election process at a time when our country is polarized like it is today. The renewal of their license to broadcast in the markets that air this movie should be seriously reviewed by the FCC to insure that the federal election law is upheld. Failure to obey this law should result in immediate suspension of their license.